

BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Dear Friends,

Very best thanks for earlier publication of all my letters. To be practical some were in Esperanto in order to encourage and provide appr. information.

Fairness demands that in future I'll communicate in English.

In the same spirit I invite well meaning humanitarians who have the nerve to declare that "Politics is a Lie" and "Religion is irrational" to get in touch with me.

I am influenced by Tolstoy, Twain, Krápotkin (Ethics), Orwell (1984).

Abolition of circ. money and ending of population explosion are in my view the most urgent problems.

I also wish to obtain out of print literature on various topics.

I can be reached by mail and later in orderly fashion over CB--this after previous correct stipulation. FOR THE TIME BEING THIS ADVISE: Dont' give the enemy publicity by meeting him--stay away and keep the street clean!

Cheers, Juergen Kuhl,
412-371 S. Ellesmere St.
Burnaby, BC V5B 3T1 Canada

BUFFALO, NEW YORK:

Your group may be interested in learning that a small number of us are presently attempting to organize an anarchist study group here in Buffalo. We, in turn, would be interested in corresponding with other anarchist groups and would appreciate any suggestions you may have.

Fraternally, Jerry Kaplan
524 Ashland Ave., Buffalo 14222

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Dear SRAF,

I am an american political prisoner locked in a cage because of my beliefs. My only crime is that of demanding human rights.

It is my hope that your organization will lodge a formal complaint with the Carter administration for its policy of refusing to respect basic human rights and to stop the inhuman treatment of political prisoners.

Also I would be very interested in assisting people with similar views to wit: That humans have a basic right to be free and live without government control. I do not have money but I will use all of my free time anyway possible to assist.

Take care, Billy R. Kidwell
20879-101 FPS, Box 34550, Memphis,
TN 38134

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Cher Srafriends,

I feel very bad over the death of Dean Selock. My acquaintance with him was minimal, but I discovered, somewhat to my surprise, that when I read Jeff and Mimi's letter I felt I had lost a dear friend. Perhaps those close to Dean might suggest a fitting memorial project to which those of us who care about his loss might contribute --monetarily or otherwise.

I appear to be guilty of the "crime of silence". Jai Amrod in Bulletin #63 uses the fact that no one disagreed with his previous statements about Joffre's letters as proof that SRAFeds generally agree that Joff is "existing time & space". This is the first time I've read that failure to disagree with a statement made in a letter to the Bulletin is tantamount to agreement with that statement. The mind reels. How many crimes of silence I've committed over the years by my failure to go on record as disagreeing with propositions put forward by others who write in to the Bulletin!

I always thought the reason very few people wrote in to disagree with my letters is that they found what I had to say stupid or boring or some such. Now I realize that all members of SRAF have, by their silence, been expressing agreement with me.

While I have my differences with Joffre I do not consider his letters a waste of time, and I hope he keeps writing them and the Bulletin keeps printing them. I wish people who are bothered by what he has to say would try to deal directly with his arguments and not just subject him to rhetorical abuse.

Not wishing to be guilty of another "crime of silence", let me go on record as disagreeing totally with the Quebec resolution reported in Bulletin #62 as representing the consensus of the 1978 SRAF convention (which at the time the resolution was affirmed consisted of 12 people). I don't see how it is possible to be against governments and still support a nationalist enterprise like Quebec separatism. The phrase "self-determination", like "national liberation", is simply a code term for statism, as we all know perfectly well. As one SRAF member, I repudiate the resolution. I hope others will do likewise.

At the same time, I would not agree with Joffre that anarchists are obligated to oppose any exercise of political self-determination by a group of people. Anyone who voluntarily chooses to be part of a state can certainly do so. Anarchists support those who choose not to be part of any state and they encourage everyone to so choose.

Bob Shea

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mained if all I had had was the Chicago Tribune). So the IWW, by suppressing a poem against censorship--not to mention other pacifist & an-anarchist literature (my bags held also the Catholic Worker and the Free Socialist)--has practically declared itself an illibertarian organization. And the IWW, by imposing a censorship that lines up with the Israeli censorship, has lined itself up as a Jewish Fascist organization with the Jewish Fascist State of Israel. Things have come to a pretty pass when one column by Georgie Ann Geyer (Los Angeles Times Syndicate) -- or even 2 sentences! -- can do more for the oppressed, exploited toilers of Palestine than volumes of Industrial Workers!

I've been fraternal around the OWW for around 30 years, perhaps longer than the State of Israel has been in existence. But Israeli about is stronger than any an-anarchist solidarity. What an-anarchism has most & best to contribute to today's world is anti-chauvinism. But you don't make this point by talking about everything but patriotism, rationalism, chauvinism. The point must be made bluntly, directly, pointedly. And in the USA, at least, there must be explicit focus on (against) Zionism. Less than this may be no more than stupid public relations games.

Is there a police connection? Intelligence follows policy. When ACLU excluded CPers from membership, it appears to have set the stage for stool pigeons to inform regularly on ACLU to FBI. Now that IWW has taken a position that follows US foreign policy, supportive of Israel, we might wonder what the cop strength of the organization might be. Certainly I can't name anyone. But usually we assume there are agents in our midst. What we may underestimate is their effectiveness. The best way to neutralize them is to maintain the honesty of our principles in a creative, uncompromising manner, putting the emphasis where it is needed (anti-chauvinism, anti-zionism). Hypocrisy & a soft-headedness that fuzzes the definition of objects, goals, offers agents the substance on which they may build. Of course, zionism may be so energetically committed to US policy goals that relatively few ringers may be needed compared to other situations.

Joffre Stewart, advocate of the
ANTI-Christ, 6114 S. May Street,
Chicago, Illinois 60621

NEWS FROM LIBERTARIAN SPAIN, Box 733, Cooper Stn., NYC 10003 is receiving more information than ever before and is regularly issuing 20-page reports. But they need more financial donations to pay for printing and postage.

BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA:
Dear Rev. A's

Rationing is State-ist. Any group that would ration would become the government. "Association" has a connotation of freedom. "Federation" sounds like government, to me.

Over one year ago Robert A. Wilson told me he wouldn't write in the SRAF bull again, I hope Open Road prints him. I'd like some Vancouver people to send me a bundle of 50 Open Roads, I was in that city and found the office but no one was in however across town I met some anarchists and got 2 copies.

Fuck Authority. "All Authority?" Yes, even the Federation Rationing Authority, I'm going to find some real Anarchists to take the place of the Authoritarian Marxists that have withered away, so if some Vanarchist punk rockers would take time to send 50 ORs out of the last run of 1300 we will smash the state sooner: Rev. Marc R. Wruble of L.H.A., Box 5413, Buena Park, CA 90622.

PS I am a non-voter but I am registered to vote in the Peace & Freedom Party. The Libertarian Party has anarchists in and around it. I have just learned that Murray Bookchin, Karl Hess, and speakers from Black Rose spoke at the Summer '78 Libertarian Party Convention and if any person wants to call the "L.P." for free they have a free 800 number: 1-800-424-2734. The best time to call is between 11 in the morning and 2:30 in the afternoon Washington DC time. They have a lot of party parties. Remember Trotsky killed 500 anarchists in one day-- Marxists are no fun.

BOULDER, COLORADO:

Members of the Boulder Anarchists Group/Student Libertarian Army are being harassed by local police and officials of the Univ. of Colorado over an attempted disruption of the National Student Association/National Student Lobby convention held in Boulder, CO last August. One member, Laura "Captain Friedlin-Maximova" Tisoncik, has been charged with "Disrupting Lawful Assembly", a class 3 misdemeanor under Colorado law.

The NSA-NSL (now USSA) is an organization of US student govts which has, in the past (and probably right now, too!) been funded by the CIA. The SLA, it is claimed, printed and distributed false notices of agenda changes at the convention, thereby causing great agony to the junior politicos who were busy preparing to become big politicos when they grew up.

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Their problems are compounded by discrimination in hiring and pay. While women's earnings generally lag those of men in the same occupational group, the difference tends to widen at the lower end of the income scale.

At the top end, in "professional-technical" jobs, the median weekly income of full-time women workers was 73% of men's pay in May 1976. As one goes down the income scale, one finds that in "clerical" jobs, women earned 64% of what men earned and in "sales," women's incomes were only 45% of those of men in the same job category. One would expect this to be the case because it would be the husband's of the women with "professional-technical" jobs who determine the incomes of the "clerical" and "sales."

As more upper socio-economic women seek "professional achievement" and gain more influence, these discrepancies are likely to increase. Several decades ago, there was a strong statistical link between a wife's decision to work and her family's financial need. In 1951, for instance, figures show that wives whose husbands earned under \$3,000 annually were three times as likely to be in the paid labor force as were wives whose husbands made over \$7,000 - a salary then considered "middle income."

Over the past few years, however, well-to-do women have been returning to the labor force at a much faster rate than other wives. According to University of Wisconsin economist Sheldon Danziger, labor-force participation by wives whose husbands earn more than \$30,000 jumped 38% between 1967 and 1974, while participation by wives whose husbands earned \$2,000 to \$6,000 increased only 11%.

Although admitting that the influx of prosperous wives does "tend to make the extremes further apart" between "have" and "have-not" families, Commerce Secretary Juanita Krebs says that this still is not likely to bring major changes in overall family-income distribution.

Moreover, says Mrs. Krebs, herself a noted labor economist, while any rise in economic inequality would disturb Americans who believe "that extremes of wealth and poverty aren't legitimate," that alone "wouldn't argue in any way against encouraging women to work."

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921 W. 19th Ave.
Virginia, MN55792

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SLA members Major Makhno and Überlakai Harpo Marx were stopped by police at the scene. Überlakai Marx slipped away, and Major Makhno was given an "official warning". The police, at the urging of local student politico Liissa Levin, did not leave it at that. They began a formal investigation, complete with 2 detectives (working hard to solve this terrible crime against the State), in order to implicate Laura Tisoncik. A month later, comrade Tisoncik was handed a summons for "Disrupting Lawful Assembly". The exact charge is that she xeroxed the notices with intent to disrupt. Illegal xeroxing...huh?!

Immediately thereafter, even though comrade Tisoncik is not now a student at the Univ. of Colorado, the Univ. Discipline Committee asked comrade Tisoncik to "voluntarily" appear before them to account for her actions in the matter. If she did not, the committee assured her she would not be allowed to attend the Univ. of Colorado, and they would do their best to prevent her admittance at any other university.

The reason for the witch hunt against comrade Tigoncik is that she has been the most vocal anti-authoritarian organizer in Boulder over the last several years. There were several attempts to expel her from CU when she was a student for "disruptive activity" (political cartooning and leaflet distribution), all of which failed. The Univ. Discipline Committee tried to have it entered into her permanent record that she is a lesbian activist—as some kind of 'criminal' evidence! The president of the Univ. Roland Raitenstraus, once personally ordered an investigation into her activities in order to find some grounds for expulsion.

Comrade Tisoncik has pleaded "not guilty", and is being represented by a public defender on the criminal charges. Neither she nor BAG/SLA have the money to fight the Univ. proceedings. Contributions to her defense & the defense of others who might yet be charged can be sent to:

Douglas Stickler Boulder Anarchists Gp
Box 229 1416 Euclid #2

1410 EUCALYPTUS #2
Lyons, CO 80540 Boulder, CO 80302
Letters condemning the Unix's actions

Letters condemning the Univ.'s actions can be sent to:

Student Conduct Policies & Stds President's Office
Univ. of Colorado

Office of the
Administrator, Annex

ADMINISTRATION AND
Boulder, CO 80309

More from

SRAF GROUPS

COLUMBIA ANARCHIST LEAGUE (Missouri):

Hi,

I just received notice from Komboa Ervin that the hearing on his petition to be released from the Marion Control Unit will be held on December 18 at the US Courthouse in Benton, IL. Komboa says, "I hope you and as many supporters as you can get will come." If anyone is interested in going and needs a place to stay, I can probably arrange for crash space in Marion, Illinois. Write to the Columbia Anarchist League and send your address and phone number and we will give you more information as we get it.

I've been writing Komboa for almost a year, and he really needs and deserves our support. If you can't attend the hearing (as most probably can't), why not sit down right now and send him a brief postcard or letter letting him know you care? His address: Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, #18759-175, Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.

I sent Komboa a copy of Maximoff's The Political Philosophy of Bakunin on Sept. 8; as of the middle of November, he had not received it. This is just one more indignity piled on the heap, and the issue of mail censorship will be pressed.

So I hope anarchists within a few hundred miles of Benton will take this as an opportunity to come together in support of a comrade and to meet and dance with one another.

with pleasure, jai amrod

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON COLLECTIVE (Walla Walla, Washington):

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective of the Washington State Penitentiary! We would very much appreciate communicating with you and the Social Revolutionary Anarchist Federation, in fact we would like to become members of SRAF.

ABDC has been in existence for approximately one year, we are Anarchists, Anarchist Communists, and Anarchist minded male prisoners. Our publication, the Anarchist Black Dragon issue #2 is available from Left Bank Books, 92 Pike St., Seattle, WA 98101. Our priorities are propaganda, agitation, and instigation. At this time we are semi-underground.

Your communication and support is vital to our work and existence here, and we are in need of literature, printing/distribution aid. Please communicate with us through

Carl L. Harp 126516, or John Bosch 253269 (Box 520, Walla Walla, WA 99362), or Left Bank Books.

At this time we wish to express greetings to all of SRAF, and ask your assistance in printing and distributing Volume One Number Three of our publication. We here need 25 copies printed and sent back to us and to supporters. We have no means to print them here, all we can do is lay it out photo ready and once it returns distribute it inside. We feel under mutual aid all of us should try to help each other and share the load, and this is an opportunity for people to get involved in the Prison Movement. So far our first two issues have been done by Oregon and Seattle, the first issue disappeared for no explained reason. Please let us know if you can assist us in our printing needs, and ask others to communicate so we know our friends. If you can't please let us know this too and when you might be able to help, our next issue will not be ready for printing for a month at the earliest. Each issue will have a plea for others to make copies of their copy and distribute for us, so maybe we can generate 100s of copies.

We need postage stamps, literature, and communication. Especially any literature in Spanish. Introductions to Anarchism are appreciated very much.

PS: When writing directly here do not put ABDC on envelope.

SALUD! ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON
COLLECTIVE WN STATE PENITENTIARY

INSIDE AGITATORS (New York City):

Dear Comrades,

"We, the Inside Agitators (Anarchist) of Columbia University, have read and subscribe to the principles of the SRAF Declaration and wish to be considered a member group of SRAF. To clarify our position for ourselves we further state that we oppose the capitalist system."

In Anarchist solidarity,
Jeffrey Rupen, for the Inside
Agitators (Anarchist)

La Repression en Bulgarie is a 32-page pamphlet available from the Collectif de Soutien a la Lutte du Peuple Bulgare, BP 11, 92190, Meudon, FRANCE.

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More letters from SRAFeds & other
Anarchists--

LILLE, FRANCE:

Dear Friends,

We are a group of Lille of the french organisation (ex "Poing Noir") and we want to have contact with strangers publications.

Can you send us one of your paper?
Can you give us your abbonnement conditions?
Thank you again et keep up.

Michel Cornille,
28 Place Sebastopol
59000 Lille, FRANCE

Black Eye Press, Box 30097, Seattle, WA 98103 has a series of anarchist cartoon postcards.

Soil of Liberty, Box 7056, Powderhorn Stn., Minneapolis, MN 55407 has published a pamphlet by Sam Dolgoff, "A Critique of Marxism" for 35¢ -- 24 pages.

Resurgence, Box 801, Evanston, IL 60204, has issued Vol.2 #2 of "Self Management Newsletter -- 28 pages.

Bayou La Rose, Box 58A, Rushing Route, Mountain view, Arkansas 72560 has issued the second number of their interesting and innovative magazine. 52 pages.

Glasgow Peoples Press, ground floor right, 146 Holland St., Glasgow G.2, UK is a 'radical community' monthly newsmagazine which serves our aim of getting libertarian ideas across to as many people as possible.

Through the Looking Glass, Box 22061, Seattle, WA 98122 is a monthly newsletter offering a radical analysis of prison news focusing on women & children.

Le Libertaire, c/o Augustin S. Miura, 7-4-60 Yachiyodai-Kita, Yachiyo-Shi, Chiba, 276 JAPAN has available a pamphlet containing extracts called "Our Bakunin" (in english). Contents include: Bakunin's messages; the bibliography of Bakunin in Japan; Bakunin's stay in Hakodate, Yokohama and Kanagawa; Bakunin's complete works in Japan; eulogies; summary; and Bakunin in Japan.

NORTH POLE:

To anyone who cares:

Every year now I find the approaching holiday season harder & harder to face. What I'm about to do should not come as a surprise--it's a miracle I've been able to hold on this long.

My fond memories of Christmases long past just make it more difficult to understand the torturous rat race December has become. Years ago I felt I contributed to the spirit of Yuletide joy. The holidays held a charm for me which I could kindle & express to friends around the world. Many would take this seed & build upon it, making this season a special experience of their own. But now the charm is gone, & I'm a foolish relic of a ruined tradition. I, Santa Claus, feel somehow out-of-place at Christmas.

MARION, ILLINOIS:

Dear Comrade,

I haven't heard from you in a long time and thought I'd drop you a line. I see that SRAF has not died and has even started to grow. That is good. But now Open-Road is experiencing severe financial difficulties which could completely curtail further publication. We would be remiss in our "duty" if we did allow that to happen, especially if there is something to be done about it. I'm so very concerned that I've prepared an appeal letter which I've been sending to Anarchist groups and publications (it should appear in Black Star), and have prepared a fundraising proposal for the newspaper and its operation. I'd like your thoughts on this, ok?

In Solidarity, Lorenzo Koba Ervin
#18759-175, Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959

SAPPORO, JAPAN:

Karaj kamaradoj! Mi informas pri japana anarkiista grupo de "Komuna Konsilio de Laborista-movado", kiu estis fondita en 1976. Ili klinvenas cju merkrede en Shinjuku, Tokio. Ili celas fondi anarkiista-sindikaton kaj kontraubatali kapitalismon, staton, laborburukrator kaj rugajn sindikatojn.

En Japanio antau la milito anarkiista laborista sindikato estis rilative granda, sed post la milito tiu estis malaperinta. Gis nun estis nur dekstremaj sindikatoj.

Ili eldonas organan gazeton "Rodosa no Rentai" (esperante: Solidareco Laborista). Eldonas: NAKAMURA Takashi, Tsukagoshi 1-21-16, WARABI, Japan.

N-ro5 (sep/78) temas pri dekstrigo de japanaj labor-sindikatoj, la kontraubatalo de Sanrizuka-Nova aerhaveno, k.t.p.

Ili deziras kontakti kun eksterlandaj labor-movadoj. Se vi interesigas pri tio, bonvolu informi al mi. Mia adreso:

SATO Eiji, Kotoni Hachiken 10-higashi 2, Nishiku, SAPPORO, 063 Japan
Liberecanajn Salutojn! Sato

Nowadays you can tell Christmas is coming when you see the shopping centers filled with everyone's tedious errands. It's become a checklist to get thru every damn year. Giving presents only because they're expected is no more a pleasure than receiving gifts that have no specialness. Whom is it for? Families spend one ritual day together, uneasily gathered around the TV, surrounded by unwrapped gadgets.

Of all the wares that are bought for presents, how many were ever produced with a sense for how much they would be enjoyed? Whenever I see my own image used to promote merchandise designed & made just to be sold, I'm perplexed. How could the Christmas season I loved become the greatest pageant of an induced mass addiction to pointless commodities? Every day, people make these products, working not to affirm their creativity, but to allow them to consume in turn similar contrived substitutes for lost emotions. Seeing children grow up in such an empty world frightens me. I hardly know them before they part with childhood dreams to be molded into miserable junior consumers.

How can I go on pretending for myself or anyone else that a festive spirit of giving is still alive in me? Hell, I'm even afraid now to enter houses at night. It's just not fun anymore. I don't think I can go thru it again.

Can it be that there still lurks in us a yearning for something better? A yearning to really feel, to really live, to make every moment special? My elves tell me that this hasn't yet been lost--that the spark is still there & can burn brighter than ever, if only people let it. I wish I could believe this. I don't know what people want anymore, & I've already been hurt too much. I'm ending my life before it gets any worse.

Love, Santa

NORTH POLE (Press Release):

SANTA COMMITS SUICIDE. After a century of Christmas Eve global travels which have become an international tradition, Santa Claus, the noted philanthropist, is dead today by his own hand. In a crudely fashioned noose above the hearth of his North Pole cottage, Santa's body was discovered by several of his elves. Stunned, but "not surprised", they informed reporters that the deceased had revealed growing feelings of dissatisfaction with his gift-giving.

In a one-page suicide note found in his sleigh, Claus conveys a tone different from the playful laughter we had come to expect. Citing difficulties comprehending contemporary commodity relations, he expresses despondency over increased desecration of the spirit of joy he was once known for spreading: "it's just not fun anymore." Describing December as a "torturous rat race," he laments that he hardly knows children anymore "before they part with childhood dreams to be molded into miserable junior consumers." He finishes by relating an abandoned hope of finding in us "a yearning to really feel, to really live, to make every moment special."

Centre de diffusion libertaire, 3824 St. Denis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada is a free association whose primary goals are to create a center for disseminating libertarian material and to have a place to come together in order to support and encourage libertarian initiatives, criticisms, and reflection through helping spread around newspapers, books, theoretical writings, personal accounts, summaries and analyses of experiences and struggles in Quebec and elsewhere....

Imprimerie 34, 34, rue des Blanchers, 31000 TOULOUSE, France is a group of printers who're trying to organize an exchange system among printers of the non-parliamentary struggle against capitalism, including: material help (including some jobs); to print issues of publications facing bad troubles (the cost to be spread among all); to resist campaigns against freedom of expression and free travel by making newspapers in such a way that no printing house can be forgotten, and everybody takes part; to keep ourselves informed about printed expression, helping by the way to pass around the produced information.

Other possibilities can be imagined.

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